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Requirements for

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REF : Per oral request from Mr. 25X1A9a

1. It is requested that source be interrogated along the following lines. Questions are arranged in approximate order of importance. Indicate source's estimate of margin of error in answer.

a. What is the volume of shipping on the Oder by flag and type of carrier? In answer, differentiate between upstream and downstream traffic.

b. Approximate breakdown of traffic by point of origin and destination. It is especially important to at least estimate volume of traffic going all the way up/down the river to/from Stettin as opposed to that segment of traffic on the Oder moving to/from the Berlin area.

c. Fleet inventory data. It is important to secure as much detail as possible on this point. List units operating on the Oder with as much detail as possible on flag, name (or identification number in the case of barges), type, tonnage (specify metric, DWT or GRT), passenger capacity, draft, type and horsepower of propulsion, age.

d. Route data. General information on the controlling depths of the Oder in the various stretches of the route. Detailed data are not required, but only sufficiently detailed to estimate the size of vessels which can navigate over various stretches. Note important obstructions to traffic; give general action being taken to eliminate.

e. Port data. Intelligence is desired on cargo handling, capacity of port, status of facilities, limiting factors and action taken (or planned) to alleviate serious obstacles.

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f. Fuel consumption data for the Oder fleet as a whole by fleet flag and type of fuel.

g. Freight and passenger tariff data. In the absence of official tariff tables, it would be useful to have any other intelligence which might supply water transport cost data.

h. Labor force data. Actual or estimated employment by flag, by type of vessel and by rating aboard ship. Some estimate of numerical relationship of ship to shoreside employment would be useful. Intelligence of wages in various job categories would be of value.

i. Cooperation between Poland, East Germany and Czechoslovakia on Oder traffic. What action is being taken? Which countries are leading? Which are balking? What are obstacles to cooperation? What is the role of the USSR in such plans?

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